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(Case No. 98,541-C)

In re Application of:

Christensen, *et al.*

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For: Removal of Embedding Media from  
Tissue Samples and Cell Tissue  
Conditioning in Automated Immuno-  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 35 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-98, the applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the references are enclosed. These references are also listed in the PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith. It is requested that the documents be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application.

Portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims, however no such admission is intended. 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (h). The references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular,

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These references were cited in a foreign application less than three months prior to this submission. Therefore no fee is necessary.

### **CITED REFERENCES**

#### **U.S. Patent Documents**

<b><u>Document Number</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Filing Date If appropriate</u></b>
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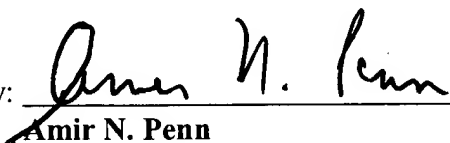
#### **Foreign Patent Documents**

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#### **Other Documents**

Respectfully submitted,  
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